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### **(U//FOUO) California: Escalation in Anti-Fascist, Right-Wing Extremist Violence**

*(U//FOUO) Violent clashes between left- and right-wing extremists in California in the last 16 months reflect ideological rivalries tracing back to the 1930s in Europe and the United States.*

**(U//FOUO)** We assess that anti-fascist (Antifa) and right-wing extremist interactions in California have escalated in violence throughout the last 16 months, judging from a State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) and Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) review of incidents and open-source reports from February 2016-May 2017. Weapons used at a February 2016 clash included a flag pole, two-by fours, and a knife, while at a separate incident four months later police discovered an abandoned firearm.<sup>1,2</sup> Public calls by Antifa extremists earlier this year advocating for supporters to bring firearms to events points to possible further escalation.<sup>3</sup>

- (U//FOUO) Antifa and right-wing violent clashes in California have largely occurred in metropolitan areas like Sacramento, Berkeley and Anaheim. Based on arrest reports, the number of individuals attending rallies and counter-protests, and media interviews with attendees suggests that some individuals probably are traveling to these events from outside cities and possibly other states.<sup>4,5,6</sup>
- (U) The first incident reviewed from the last 16 months involved a Ku Klux Klan (KKK)<sup>USPER</sup> rally at Pearson Park in Anaheim on 27 February 2016. Several dozen Antifa extremists initiated an altercation with the Klansmen that led to multiple injuries and three stabbings.<sup>7</sup> Seven Antifas were charged with assault, battery, or resisting arrest. Five Klansmen were later released without charges, according to press reports.<sup>8,9</sup>
- (U) On 26 June 2016, the white nationalist extremist group the Traditionalist Worker Party<sup>USPER</sup> held an event with the Golden State Skinheads<sup>USPER</sup> in front of the Sacramento State Capitol where they encountered Antifa extremists, resulting in a clash involving knives, bottles, bricks, and chunks of concrete.<sup>10,11</sup> A firearm was found abandoned on the ground where the melee broke out, according to the Sacramento Police Department.<sup>12,13</sup>
- (U) In response to UC Berkeley<sup>USPER</sup> cancelling a 1 February 2017 appearance by former Breitbart<sup>USPER</sup> editor Milo Yiannopoulos because of violence attributed to Antifa activists, right-wing groups held two events in Berkeley in the name of free speech.<sup>14</sup> Both resulted in violent clashes when Antifa



(U) Fascist salute at Berkeley rally

(U) Source: itsgoingdown.org



(U) Anti-fascists display flag during counter-protest

(U) Source: itsgoingdown.org

extremists showed up. At a rally held on 4 March 2017, Antifa and right-wing extremists clashed again, leading to several injuries and ten arrests. This time, authorities confiscated metal pipes, bats, bricks, and protective gear—such as helmets, shin guards, and industrial respirators—from multiple attendees, according to multiple media reports.<sup>15,16,17</sup>

- (U//FOUO) At a subsequent event on 15 April 2017, clashes broke out between individuals and groups representing a wide array of ideologies, including Antifa and right-wing individuals using fascist salutes and white nationalist symbology.<sup>18</sup> Pepper spray, fireworks, knives, stun guns and poles were used or confiscated during the clash, highlighting additional violent tactics being used during clashes.<sup>19</sup>

(U//FOUO) *We assess that Antifa and right-wing extremists are leveraging photos and videos from violent clashes by featuring them increasingly in online propaganda campaigns to garner support, recruit, and mobilize followers for future events.*

- (U//FOUO) Anti-fascist organizations such as By Any Means Necessary (BAMN)<sup>USPER</sup>—which took a prominent role in the April UC Berkeley clashes, and the June 2016 clashes in Sacramento—uses social media and its website to mobilize anti-fascist collectives for counter-protests.<sup>20</sup>
- (U//FOUO) Right-wing extremist groups like the Traditionalist Worker Party use their website and social media platforms to post propaganda, recruit, and promote rallies across the United States, including for the June 2016 rally at the State Capitol in Sacramento.<sup>21</sup>
- (U//FOUO) Social media and online activities provide centralized platforms for extremist groups to communicate and promote events, extending the amount of time supporters have to plan for mobilization and travel.

(U//FOUO) *Based on recent Antifa public calls for the use of aggressive tactics and the perceived success of these tactics we are likely to continue to see Antifa and right-wing extremist interactions at rallies and counter-protests that involve escalated violent tactics.*

- (U//FOUO) Radical elements within Antifa are now calling for more aggressive tactics after the most recent violent clash in April 2017 in Berkeley, according to press reporting and online forums.<sup>22,23</sup> They are calling for supporters to bring firearms to events, apply for concealed carry permits, and obtain combat training.<sup>24</sup>
- (U//FOUO) Antifa and right-wing groups' social media sites and websites often promote videos and imagery of violent clashes, suggesting they believe that using increasingly violent tactics is a successful way of promoting and defending their extremist narratives.



(U) Traditionalist Workers Party poster

(U) Source: Facebook<sup>USPER</sup>

**(U) ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

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**(U) STAC KEY INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS**

(U) KIQ 2.3; KIQ 4.3

**(U) FEEDBACK**

(U) The STAC encourages your feedback using the survey found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3M2PF6>

**(U) ENDNOTES**

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<sup>2</sup> (U) Online Newspaper Article; Joseph Serna; Los Angeles Times; "Neo-Nazis didn't start the violence at state Capitol, police say"; 27 June 2016; <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-in-neo-nazi-event-stabbings-capitol-20160627-snap-story.html>

<sup>3</sup> (U) Internet Site; Mac Salvo; Vessel News; "Combat Training, Better Equipment, Guns...": Antifa Prepares for War After Berkeley Beat Down"; <http://vesselnews.io/combat-training-better-equipment-guns-antifa-prepares-war-berkeley-beat/>; accessed on 24 April 2017

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<sup>6</sup> (U) Internet Site; Nixle; Berkely Police Department; 17 April 2017; "Police Release Names of Civic Park Arrestees"; [https://local.nixle.com/alert/5908399/?sub\\_id=1888726](https://local.nixle.com/alert/5908399/?sub_id=1888726)

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<sup>14</sup> (U) Online Newspaper Article; Thomas Fuller and Christopher Melee; New York Times; "Berkeley Cancels Milo Yiannopoulos Speech, and Donald Trump Tweets Outrage"; 1 February 2017; [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/01/us/uc-berkeley-milo-yiannopoulos-protest.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/01/us/uc-berkeley-milo-yiannopoulos-protest.html?_r=0)

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